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**WHY BE A COUNTY SEAT?**

Breckenridge is going to promote a friendly spirit at Caddo by building a road, so that wholesale and oil field trade may flow freely between the two towns.

Naturally, there should be a road—a good road—between Breckenridge and Caddo. The two towns have much in common and the road should be built for the accommodation of those mutual interests.

But when Stephens county spends its money to build a road in order that Caddoites may go to Breckenridge, and falls to build roads to Ranger and other towns, in order that Caddo folk may be certain to go to Breckenridge, is Breckenridge, with its domination of Stephens county finances, doing its best by Caddo?

It would appear not. From this angle, it looks like Breckenridge is treating Caddo like a step-child. Caddo folk pay taxes and are entitled to roads to neighboring cities. They are as much entitled to a road to Ranger as to Breckenridge. And they are entitled to a road to Strawn as well as to Mineral Wells. But chances are, because of county lines and civic jealousy at county seats, Caddo's only highway outlet will be the one to Breckenridge.

Perhaps the time will come when the people will demand a common sense distribution of facilities and county lines will be no Chinese wall which cannot be passed. Then there will be highways, suitable for the traffic they carry, passing from all centers to others, regardless of political subdivisions. For the present, however, the world will have to get along, with some towns using the accident of location to force tribute, friendly or otherwise, from other towns in the same section.

It looks as if Ireland and England would be able to join in celebrating Christmas as they have never done before.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

It's no use singing the old songs now, or at least that large number of them which refer to the flowing bowl.—Boston Transcript.

Germany is shipping tombstones here. Is this just plain business or funny business?—Philadelphia Record.

You can buy 2,000 Russian rubles for one penny, and it's a poor investment at that.—Nashville Tennessean.

England and Ireland have at last agreed to not disagree.—Washington Post.

Mother love is wonderful and we have no doubt that Bethsheba always felt, and said, that her boy Solomon never would have carried on the way he did if the girls hadn't dressed so immodestly.—Ohio State Journal.

Santa Claus would not be the optimist he is if he didn't put a few pocket flasks in his pack.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**BELGIAN PRINCESS TO BE BRIDESMAID AT WEDDING OF PRINCESS MARY**



Princess Marie Jose of Belgium, who will be one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of Princess Mary, which will soon take place at Westminster Abbey, when the princess marries Viscount Lascelles, rich young peer of England.

**OIL SHOWING FOUND SOUTH OF FORT WORTH**

FORT WORTH, Dec. 17.—The Joshua No. 1, situated twenty-four miles south of Fort Worth and a mile and a half northwest of Joshua, struck the top of an oil sand at 3,280 feet Wednesday night and has made an exceptionally good showing of oil. The drillers estimate that there is fifty feet of pure oil in the bottom of the hole, with it drilled five or six inches in the sand.

**MAN'S SENSE OF HUMOR CHANGES WITH TIME**

At five the small boy's sense of humor finds its highest satisfaction in seeing his father fall down the cellar stairs.

At 10 he finds his delight in teasing his young lady sister about the wart on her beau's nose.

At 15 he becomes greatly amused at the ludicrous ideas of his parents.

In college he finds no event so uproariously funny as the one when he and a few others found an old horse belonging to one of the professors, painted it green and tied it to the piano in the chapel.

As a lover there is nothing so keenly ridiculous as the witticisms of his sweetheart.

After being married five years, he sees the absolute of humor in his bachelor friend's idea that he knows anything at all.

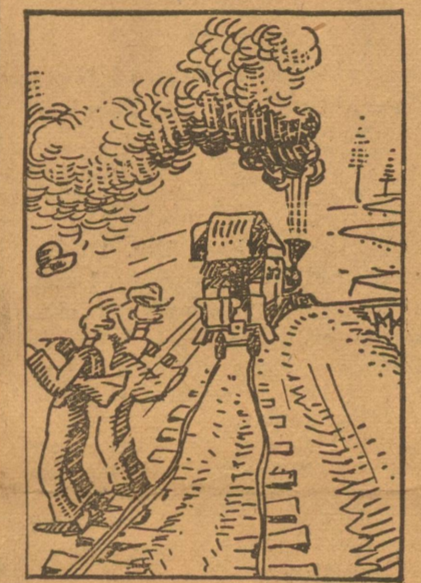
At 40 he is secretly amused at the self-confidence of the man of 30.

At 60 he looks with amusement upon the strenuous efforts of his younger friends to achieve a success they must abandon in a few years.

At 70 the wheel turns around again and he finds nothing so refreshingly delightful as the peals of laughter of his grandchildren.—Life.

**DOG HILL PARAGRAPHS**

By GEORGE BINGHAM



Sile Kildew came within an inch of having good grounds to sue the Tickville railroad one day last week, as he was sitting on the track talking business with a man, and the train like to of run over him without whistling.

Miss Peachie Sims sang "The Last Rose of Summer," at the entertainment Wednesday night. Sid Hocks says while the roses may be all gone, there are lots of Winter onions to take their place.

Atlas Peck's wife sent him to the Rye Straw store Thursday morning after a box of snuff, but as he just had a dime and needed some chewing tobacco he forget what she sent him after.

**ONE-TWELFTH OF SOUTH'S BLACKS MOVE TO NORTH**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Southern-born negro population which has migrated to the North and West has increased from 440,534 in 1910 to 780,794 in 1920, the census bureau announced today in a report on the negro population. The southern boundaries of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas were taken as the dividing line between the North and South for the purposes of the report. Of the 10,381,309 negroes enumerated in the last census, there were 38,575 for whom no state of birth was reported. The 780,794 southern-born negroes showed to have migrated comprised 8.1 per cent of the total number of negroes born in southern sections.

**PLUGS PHONE BOXES AND GATHERS NICKEL CROP**

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Next time you go into a telephone pay station, deposit your nickel, wait five minutes and fail to get your party, and the operator says "I will return money," and you wait for the familiar tinkle of the jitney in the metallic "coin return" box, and it doesn't come; and you are about to tell the operator that she is not playing fair with you; just take a close look at the slot through which the coins are supposed to drop.

Perhaps you will find there a wedge, of paper, wood or some other substance, which prevents the release of the coveted coin. And when you take out the plug perhaps you will get, not one nickel, but a whole rain of them.

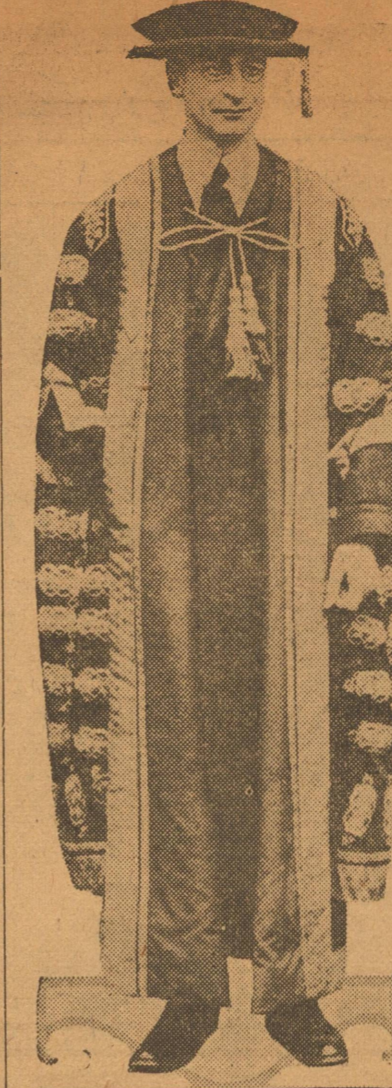
This novel method of acquiring funds was discovered here when detectives apprehended David Levitch, 18-year-old clerk, in the act of collecting from his "route" of telephone coin boxes.

Levitch says he got the idea when he found a coin box in the subway plugged that way.

One evil result of the practice is said to be that a lot of perfectly "dear" telephone operators are talked to in language that is not suited to their feminine ears and understanding.

DALLAS, Dec. 17.—Amendments providing that moving picture films should be kept in a vault at night were passed here Friday by the city commission and attached to the fire preventive ordinance. The recent fire that caused a loss of \$500,000 or more is said to have been the cause of such action.

**DE VALERA AS CHANCELLOR**



Eamonn De Valera 1921.

Eamonn de Valera, president of the Irish republic, was installed as chancellor of the National University, Dublin, succeeding the late Archbishop Walsh. The ceremony was preceded by a procession of university professors and others. The photo shows President de Valera in his robes after the ceremony.

**SCHOOL BOYS CAN'T PLAY TOM SLAUGHTER**

PINE BLUFF, Dec. 17.—City school authorities here Friday issued instructions to principals and teachers of all ward schools to prohibit boys playing "Tom Slaughter" on the school grounds.

**OBJECTS TO PROFANITY AND IS STABBED TWICE**

DALLAS, Dec. 17.—Objections to a man cursing in front of his 18-year-old daughter caused C. B. Coker Lewisville, Texas, to get stabbed twice here. The man who wielded the knife was arrested. The daughter, Elizabeth Coker, stood helpless and watched the man stab her father.

**Kissed on Streets Until "Dizzy;" Vamp, 45, Ordered Give Wife Chance**

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Judge Adams leaned over his desk today and took a long look at the 45-year-old affinity of Frank Vickinghoff, who is 52 years old. The two are accused of much public osculation. Witnesses said they continually were flying into each other's arms, kissing until they were dizzy on the street, or anywhere they happened to meet.

"If I were going to kiss a woman like this," said the judge, after his inspection of Exhibit A, "I would take her into a dark room and close and lock the door so nobody could see me."

Courtroom fans, focusing upon the woman, were aghast when they learned she was a vamp. There is no sparkle in her eyes, her mouth droops and her face is wrinkled. But Vickinghoff's wife insisted she was keeping him away from his family and his business.

"If I ever hear of you speaking to this man again," said the judge, "or seeing him in anyway, I will send

you to the house of correction for a year. Give this wife and daughter a chance at the man who belongs to them."

The withered Juliet was hustled out of the room by a husky bailiff, casting appealing glances at her Romeo, but she did not even say farewell to him.

**EXIDE**  
Is the best and most rugged Battery and one that will "stand the gaff" in zero weather.  
**BATTERY SERVICE COMPANY**  
216 Pine Street

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

—There are countless people who would appreciate a card from you—your friends and neighbors, your church members, those people you met elsewhere—send them a greeting card.

—Orders for engraved Christmas cards should be placed without delay. There is always a last-minute rush and few orders can be accepted after Dec. 15.

—Our selection comprises a wide variety of excellent quality.

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**When Lincoln was a Barefoot Boy**

EVERY scrap of printed paper that came to his hands was a treasure trove. He read it eagerly—conning every line—getting every worth while word.

What a harvest he could have garnered from a modern newspaper! And not the least interesting to him would have been the advertisements, with their stories and their pictures of products, appliances and services that have smoothed the course of life to a degree unknown and unbelievable in the rough pioneer days.

Nowadays new comforts and conveniences slip into our lives almost without our realizing it. We are liable to be rather matter-of-fact about it all. And advertising that has made it simpler to make and distribute profitably innumerable products at reasonable prices, has played a leading part in making our life so eminently easy to live.

Read over the advertisements and try to think what the things you see there would have meant to our forefathers. Then you'll realize what a service and what a convenience advertising is to you.

Read it. Make use of it!

**Pearls  
Diamonds  
Necklaces  
Rings  
Brooches**

and other regal fancies but few kings and princesses once possessed—are to be found in alluring display at this store. Prices have been reduced on jewelry in proportion to other merchandise. We urge you to make your selections early.

**W. E. DAVIS**  
104 S. Rusk



